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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 101.0078-00000

Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson

Serial No.: 09/593,591

Filed: June 13, 2000

For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG

BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED

TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED

INTERVERTEBRAL

IMPLANTATION SPACE

) Confirmation No.: 5619

) Group Art Unit: 3738

) Examiner: Paul B. Prebille

Mall Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 35 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 02-19-08